



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Agriculture / Weights & Measures



Date: December 19, 2013
Board Meeting Date: February 11, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Fred W. Crowder, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer

Subject: Agreement (#13-0186) with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for high risk pest exclusion inspection services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for high risk pest exclusion inspection services for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$354,766.81.

BACKGROUND:

In 1999, your Board approved the first Agreement with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to initiate the High Risk Pest Exclusion (HRPE) Program. The Agreement has been renewed each year. HRPE program funding addresses the need for County plant inspection activities to prevent the introduction of exotic insects and diseases through identified high-risk pest pathways.

DISCUSSION:

The County will receive \$354,766.81 as reimbursement for 4,864 personnel hours to be expended on HRPE activities. The lateness of this agreement was due to delays at CDFA resulting in the Department not receiving this agreement until December 12, 2013. Staff will perform daily inspections of air freight shipments at San Francisco International Airport (SFO), nursery stock truck shipments at wholesale nurseries, and plant product shipments at parcel facilities. The Department's FY 2013-15 Adopted Budget recognizes this revenue.

CDFA will accept the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's approval and signature on agreement amendments providing the Department submits a resolution that outlines the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer's authority to sign amended documents. The Department requests your Board to authorize the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer to execute additional amendments to this Agreement with CDFA which modify the State's maximum reimbursement obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate) and/or

modify the agreement term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution and Agreement as to form.

Approval of this Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Environmentally Conscious Community by reimbursing the County for pest exclusion work activities that protect the agricultural industry and the environment from harmful exotic pests that may be introduced into California. Industry shipping patterns and the economic downturn continue to impact the types of agricultural shipments entering the County at SFO. The number of Hawaiian cut flowers and herb shipments remains lower than prior to 2008. There continues to be infested foreign tropical fruit shipments that are inspected for California prohibited pests by our SFO staff. It is anticipated that 175 pests subject to State quarantine action will be intercepted during FY 2013-14.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2012-13 Actual	FY 2013-14 Projected
Number of interceptions of harmful pests subject to State quarantine actions	155	175

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total agreement amount is \$354,766.81 which is offset through intergovernmental revenue for services provided by the County. The term of the Agreement is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The revenue from this Agreement is included in the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer FY 2013-15 Adopted Budget. There is no Net County Cost associated with this Agreement.